



a U-shaped bridging member made of a thermoplastic elastomer, said U-shaped bridging-member integrally linking said extruding-parts and thereby integrating a plurality of key switches.

[Claim 8 has not been changed by this Amendment and remains as follows:]

8. A key switch, in which a plurality of key switches have key tops made of a thermoplastic resin and extruding parts made of a thermoplastic elastomer, the key tops and the extruding parts are integrally formed, and the extruding parts are integrally linked by means of a U-shaped bridging member made of a thermoplastic elastomer, which results in integration of the plurality of key switches.

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[Claim 9 has not been changed by this Amendment and remains as follows:]

9. The key switch as claimed in claim 7, wherein a back of the U-shaped bridging member is served as a portion to be attached to a housing or the like.

[Claim 10 has not been changed by this Amendment and remains as follows:]

10. The key switch as claimed in claim 8, wherein a back of the U-shaped bridging member is served as a portion to be attached to a housing or the like.

[Claim 11 has not been changed by this Amendment and remains as follows:]

11. A key switch comprising:

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a plurality of key tops made of a thermoplastic resin and arranged in a key plane;  
a plurality of extruded parts formed integrally with said plurality of key tops, said  
extruded parts being made of a thermoplastic elastomer;

5 a U-shaped bridging member connecting said plurality of extruded parts and said  
plurality of key tops, said U-shaped bridging member being made of a thermoplastic elastomer  
and arranged in a bridge plane substantially parallel to said key plane;

a housing, said U-shaped member being connected to said housing.

[Claim 12 has not been changed by this Amendment and remains as follows:]

12. A switch in accordance with claim 11, wherein:

a U-shape of said U-shaped bridging member is arranged in said bridge plane.

[Claim 13 has not been changed by this Amendment and remains as follows:]

13. A switch in accordance with claim 12, wherein:

a base of said U-shape is connected to said housing;

ends of legs of said U-shape are connected to said extruded parts.

[Claim 14 has not been changed by this Amendment and remains as follows:]

14. A switch in accordance with claim 11, wherein:

said U-shaped bridging member connects to two extruded parts.

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[Claim 15 has not been changed by this Amendment and remains as follows:]

15. A switch in accordance with claim 11, wherein:

said extruded parts and said bridging member are integrated with said key tops by injection molding thermoplastic elastomer.

[Claim 16 has not been changed by this Amendment and remains as follows:]

16. A switch in accordance with claim 11, further comprising:

decorative layers formed on surfaces of said plurality of key tops.

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Please add the following new claims.

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17. (New) A switch in accordance with claim 11, wherein:

each of said plurality of key tops are bowl-shaped;

each of said plurality of extruded parts are arranged inside one of said bowl-shaped key tops and have a portion extending away from a respective said key top.

18. (New) A switch in accordance with claim 11, wherein:

each of said plurality of extruded parts has a connection to a respective said key top formed by molding said each extruded part in said respective key top.

19. (New) A switch in accordance with claim 18, wherein:

said connection is formed by injection molding.

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20. (New) A switch in accordance with claim 17, wherein:

said each extruded part has a connection to said respective key top formed by molding  
said each extruded part inside said respective bowl shaped-shaped key top.

21. (New) A switch in accordance with claim 20, wherein:

said connection is formed by injection molding.

22. (New) A key switch in accordance with claim 7, wherein:

each of said key tops are bowl-shaped;

each of said extruding parts are arranged inside one of said bowl-shaped key tops and  
have a portion extending away from a respective said key top.

23. (New) A key switch in accordance with claim 7, wherein:

each of said extruding parts has a connection to a respective said key top formed by  
molding said each extruding part in said respective key top.

24. (New) A key switch in accordance with claim 22, wherein:

said each extruding part has a connection to said respective key top formed by molding  
said each extruding part inside said respective bowl shaped-shaped key top.

25. (New) A key switch in accordance with claim 8, wherein: